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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED TEXT OF LETTER FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO
PRESIDENT JAWARA

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

IN YOUR CAPACITY AS CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE CILSS, I WOULD
LIKE ESPECIALLY TO UNDERLINE TO YOU, AMERICA'S CONCERN FOR
ALLEVIATING THE CONTINUING EFFECTS OF DROUGHT IN THE SAHEL.
YOUR RECENT VISIT TO OUR COUNTRY PROVIDED A WELCOME OPPORTU-
NITY FOR FRUITFUL DISCUSSIONS ABOUT HOW UNITED STATES ASSIS-
TANCE CAN BEST BE UTILIZED FOR SAHELIAN DEVELOPMENT. VICE
PRESIDENT MONDALE HAS TOLD ME OF YOUR RECENT VISIT WITH HIM,
IN WHICH HE EMPHASIZED MY ADMINISTRATION'S COMMITMENT TO
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SUPPORTING THE SAHEL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

AS A FURTHER DEMONSTRATION OF MY CONCERN FOR SAHELIAN
DEVELOPMENT, I HAVE ASKED MY MOTHER, MISS LILLIAN, TO VISIT
SEVERAL SAHELIAN COUNTRIES AS MY PERSONAL EMISSARY. SHE
WAS DELIGHTED TO HAVE MET YOU RECENTLY IN PLAINS, AND IS
LOOKING FORWARD TO BEGINNING HER SAHELIAN TRIP IN BANJUL ON

JULY 24. MISS LILLIAN HAS LIVED HER ENTIRE LIFE IN RURAL AREAS, AND HAS A SPECIAL APPRECIATION OF FARMING PROBLEMS. SHE WILL BE PLEASED TO SEE WHAT THE SAHELIAN STATES ARE DOING FOR THEMSELVES TO PROMOTE GREATER FOOD PRODUCTION, AND IMPROVED UTILIZATION OF AVAILABLE AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES.

WHILE AGRICULTURE MUST REMAIN A TOP PRIORITY IN SAHELIAN DEVELOPMENT, I ALSO SHARE YOUR CONCERN THAT ASSISTANCE BE OFFERED IN AREAS WHICH ARE ALLIED TO RURAL DEVELOPMENT. THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO ASSIST THE GAMBIA'S LONG RANGE DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS NOT ONLY IN AGRICULTURE, BUT ALSO IN OTHER AREAS VITAL TO AN INTEGRATED CONCEPT OF NATIONAL ADVANCEMENT.

I AM VERY PLEASED THAT MY MOTHER WILL SHORTLY BE ABLE TO MEET WITH YOU AND LEARN ABOUT THE GAMBIA FIRST HAND. MAY I, IN CONCLUSION, WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS IN YOUR CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE CILSS ORGANIZATION.

COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.
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